GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified certain risk factors involved in the implementation of National Highways programme;

(b) if so, the details of such risk factors; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to streamline the implementation of National Highways projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Major risk factors identified in the implementation of projects are as under:

(i) Delay in land acquisition;
(ii) Delay in environmental and forest clearances;
(iii) Delay in shifting of utilities;
(iv) Delay in clearances of Railway over Bridges;
(v) Law and order problems;
(vi) Poor performance by some contractors etc.
(vii) For BOT projects major risks are also related to traffic, construction and operation.

(c) The corrective steps taken to streamline the implementation of National Highways Projects are as under:

(i) The Contracts are regularly monitored at various levels such as by Supervision Consultants/Independent Engineers, Project Directors, National Highways Authority of India officials at Headquarters.
(ii) State Governments have appointed Senior officers as nodal officers for resolving problems associated with implementation of the National Highways Development Project such as land acquisition, removal of utilities, forest/pollution/environment clearances etc.
(iii) A Committee of Secretaries has been constituted to address inter-ministerial and Central-States issues such as land acquisition, utility shifting, environment approvals, clearance of Road over Bridges etc.
(iv) To expedite the construction of Road Over Bridges, an officer of the Railways has been posted to National Highways Authority of India to coordinate with the Railways. Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with M/s IRCON International Limited.